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In Re the Application of:

FAGO et al.

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Title: Polymer Pharmaceutical Pig and
Associated Method of Use and
Associated Method of Production

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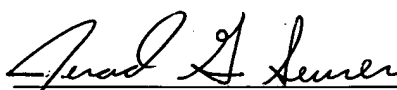
Dear Sir:

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 4, 8-9, 12, 20-21 and 27-38 are not being entered and are therefore cancelled from examination, no new claims are being added, and Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-11, 13-19 and 22-26 are being amended. Accordingly, 20 claims (Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-11, 13-19 and 22-26) are initially being presented for examination. Of those 20 claims, only two (Claims 1 and 22) are independent. Thus, no filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16(b) & (c) are believed to be due.

The above-mentioned revisions of the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which may be found on pages 2-6 of this correspondence. To assist the Office, a clean copy of the presented claims follows on pages 7-10 of this correspondence.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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